

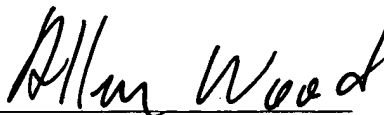
### REMARKS

The Office Action of December 5, 2005 has been received, and the allowance of claims 37-40 has been noted with satisfaction.

The Office Action rejects some of the remaining claims and objects to others as depending from rejected claims. In order to secure a patent without further prosecution, the present Amendment cancels objected-to claim 33 and transfers its subject matter to independent claim 1, and likewise cancels objected-to claim 35 and transfers its subject matter to independent claim 2. Claims 1 and 2 thus correspond to objected-to claims 33 and 35 in independent form.

Finally, the present Amendment cancels rejected claims 20 and 36. As a result, only allowed and allowable claims remain in this application. Allowance of the application itself is therefore respectfully requested.

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